(b) if so, the details of the latest position, post-wise;

(c) whether besides making new appointments to some posts in the subordinate departments and undertakings of the Ministry, the employees of various categories already working in these offices have been given promotion during the last three years;

(d) if so, the year-wise details of appointments made to various posts and promotions given to employees of various categories during the above period;

(e) whether the appointment of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe candidate is in accordance with the reservation quota and Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe employees already working in these Offices have been promoted in accordance with the reservation quota; and

(f) the action being taken by the Ministry to fill the reserved posts of various categories lying vacant at present and to give promotion to Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe employees in accordance with the reservation quota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (f). Action is under way to fill up the vacant posts reserved for SCs/STs through Special Recruitment Drives. Other details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

[English]

Tarapur Power Plant

3756. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether project report in respect of Atomic Energy Project Phase III and IV at Tarapur was submitted to the Government in 1994;

(b) if so, the present stage of the project;

(c) the reasons for delay in implementing the project; and

(d) the period likely to be taken for completion and expected yield from the project after completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). The project financial sanction for two units of 500 MW nuclear and power project at Tarapur was accorded by the Government in January 1991. Major equipments for the project have already been procured and the infrastructure work is also nearly complete. However, construction of the main plant civil works could not be started so far due to resource constraints.

(d) From the date of commencement of the main plant construction, each of the units will take about eight and half years to complete.

[Translation]

Infrastructural Facilities

3757. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any project is under consideration for expansion of infrastructural facilities and public amenities in six major cities of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any negotiation has been held with some international agencies to get funds for this project; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be accorded approval and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). No project for expansion of infrastructural facilities and public amenities in six major cities of Rajasthan is under consideration at present. However, based on the request from the Government of Rajasthan for seeking funding from the Asian Development Bank for infrastructural development in Ajmer, Bikaner, Kota, Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur, an agreement has been signed with the Asian Development Bank for the conduct of feasibility study.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Since possibility of Asian Development Bank providing assistance will depend upon the outcome of the Technical Assistance study, it is not possible to indicate any time frame regarding availability of ADB funding at this point of time.

[English]

Rural Consumption on Standards

3758. SHRI SANAT KUMAN MANDAL : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been invited to the news-item captioned "Changing patterns in rural consumption standards" appearing in the 'Hindu Business Line' New Delhi dated November 21, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the reasons for the decline in the higher deciles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The article states that according to the National Sample Survey (NSS) Consumption Expenditure Data of 1977-78 and 1993-94, the consumption standards of the lower decile of the country's rural population have gone up faster than those of higher deciles. It also states that an overall deterioration in the consumption standard of rural India relative to the urban population has occurred.

(c) The increase in the share of consumption of the lower decile are indicative of the relatively higher consumption growth of the poor vis-a-vis the non-poor. The comparison of rural and urban consumption made in the analysis may reflect the higher growth rates of urban incomes as compared to rural incomes.

(d) There has been no decline in the real per capita consumption of the upper deciles which have increased by 0.5 to 1.1 per cent per annum between 1977-78 and 1993-94 in rural areas and by 1.1 to 1.4 per cent in urban areas.

[Translation]

DDA Act

3759. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry of Urban Affairs and employment/Delhi Development Authority have sought the opinion of Members of Parliament regarding amendment in the present DDA Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the M.Ps have apprised the Union Government/DDA of their opinion;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). The proposed amendment to section 29 of the Delhi Development Act, 1957 as regards penalties for unauthorised constructions, was discussed in a meeting with the MPs from Delhi on 10.5.1993 in which the MPs had agreed to forward their views on the quantum of penalty to be imposed, in due course.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.

(e) The DDA's proposal to amend section 29 of the Delhi Development Act was examined in the Ministry. The DDA has been asked to submit a detailed proposal for bringing about amendments in the different sections of the Act wherever felt necessary instead of taking up proposals for amendment of the Act in a piecemeal manner.

[English]

Short Duration Films

3760. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether M/s. Harish Chawla Films have made short duration films of 2-5 minutes each in English and Hindi version on Solar Cooker;

(b) whether these films have already have been approved;

(c) whether the Government have dubbed these films into eleven regional languages; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not telecasting these films on T.V. so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The Hindi and English versions were received by the Government from M/s Harish Chawla Films. However, they were not found to be satisfactory and the suggestions for improvement given by the Ministry were not carried out by the company. What is more, in contravention of their contractual obligations, the company went ahead on their own, without any permission or approval by the Ministry, to dub the films in regional languages. As such, the question of the films being telecast on the T.V. does not arise.

Plan for Career Development

3761. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government is considering to draw up a plan for career development of Central Secretariat Service Grade-I and Selection Grade Officers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). Provisions already exist in the rules for promotion of the Central Secretariat Service Grade I officers to the Grade of Deputy Secy. (Selection Grade). This is the highest Grade in the Central Sectt. Service. Promotions beyond Deputy Secy. level are for ex-cadre posts done as per guidelines for Central Staffing Scheme. In-service training to both Grade I and Selection Grade officers of CSS has been provided for. Officers of Grade I and Selection Grade are also exposed to various training programmes, long and short-term, both within the country and abroad.

(c) Does not arise.